



2023 November Issue

October is the BSG start of our monthly meetings and kind of the kickoff of the model railroading season.

The turnout for the meeting was rather sparse with 8 members attending.

President Ray Puls opened the meeting.

Roy Meissner gave the treasurer's report.

Again, there have been no recent significant expenditures. However there have been some BSG sales of 2021 Fall S Fest cars

Secretary Jeff Madden was unable to attend. Vice President Ron Schlicht took some meeting notes.

Old business:

1. There were no really pertinent issues to discuss over the summer months.
2. During the Friday Night Lights events in Waukesha the turnout was the topic.

New Business:

1. At this time there is still no indication on when the BSG layouts will be moved to the different location in the club house.
2. Ron Schlicht and a couple of the members of the Gandy Dancers club are starting to put together ideas for a Christmas display in the front windows
3. The club is working on sorting the inventory of the Jeff Young estate. A number of items have already been sold but there is still a lot to choose from. Many will be taken to this years Fall S Fest for sale.
4. BSG is scheduled to host Fall S Fest in 2025. Both our club and the St. Louis club will be gathering information from this years FSF sponsored by the Chicago land club. With an aging populus and attrition of our BSG

membership, manpower would be a major issue. Barring an influx of new and aggressive members willing to pitch in, sponsoring the 2025 BSF Fall S Fest looks bleak.

5. We were unable to get a present Badgerland membership out to our current members. We will be sending out emails once again asking members to send their home addresses, current email, home address, phone number and or cell phone.

6. There was a brief discussion on possibly holding a BSG club Christmas party. For years we have had them in the past .

Clubhouse Clatter

So, what's happening with the Badgerland S Gaugers."

During the summer WCGD & BSG held various open house events coinciding with the Waukesha Friday Night Lights events. Regarding the turnout from the public it was not overwhelming. Some nights there where a small number of families and other individuals that dropped in. It was fun to interact with them and show off the layouts and tell them about both clubs. Then there were nights when no one stopped by, including club members. It was a bit surprising that all of the years that WCGD was in existence nobody knew about the club houses. The window displays should change that.

In the last newsletter I posted the Golden Gate American Flyer Club cars. Ray Puls purchased the pair and they are better than the pictures. Both paint schemes are lettered different on the opposite side.

As most people know there will be no Trainfest this year. The traditional dates were always the second full weekend of November. This year WCGD and BSG will be holding an open house Saturday November 11th and Sunday November 12th from 10:00 am to 6:00pm on both days. Any members that wish to act as hosts or just want to run their trains on our layouts are more than welcome.

Editors Comment:

I've been a member of BSG since the very third meeting of the club in 1975. I just popped in at meetings rather steadily and eventually I became a participating member as the Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Vice President and have participated in many of the club events. This is not everyone's cup of tea, as they say. Until the last couple of years, various members used to act as hosts for our monthly meetings. For years (just about from 1975) there was always a desire for BSG to actually have a clubhouse. Thanks to the invitation given to us by the WCGD club we finally have a home for our layouts, meeting rooms, an area for a kitchenette, a storefront window to advertise our club and put-up model railroad displays plus some other amenities. There are all kinds of plans in the works.

So, what is it that we are lacking? Our meeting attendance is really sparse. This is somewhat understanding, who wants to sit through a possibly boring meeting. An attempt has been made to make sure that they don't drag on, and they have been shortened up. But why, is there seeming no curiosity about the clubhouse. After all meetings, we usually have a play trains session and an occasional clinic. Quite frankly it's a lot of fun. In the near future there will be a lot of historical type displays. We don't want it to be a train in a basement.

Stop in, if for no other reason, curiosity.

BSG Layout Progress

Regarding a date for the move of the layouts, by holding the open house events during FNL it made no sense not to have running layouts. This means that after FNL events and Labor Day the actual layout reconfigurations will start to take place. In the meantime, there are plenty of opportunities for members to stop in run their trains or the club's equipment.

In the last newsletter I mentioned the donation of additional G Gauge track for the window display. We will be looking for more "G" gauge items to make the display look more like a layout rather than just a train running around in the window. Structures and any scenery items that fit the gauge would be appreciated.

There has been a number of useable items that have been donated to the club by its members as BSG property. So far these are primarily for the tabletop layout.

There have also been some items that are for club use for as long as we like, but with the understanding that they would be eventually returned to the original owner.

In regards to Jeff Young's equipment, stopping in at the club is the best way to view everything. There is SHS fast track items, AF cars, American Flyer cars, American Models and other scale and non-scale equipment, like Ace trucks, 1/64 and larger vehicles There is a lot of stuff making it difficult to post in newsletters. The pricing will be reasonable with a reserve. On the days that we scheduled an open house sale, a number of members stopped by and picked up some bargains. It's kind of like a swap meet and there are still plenty of things left. The remaining stock will be available at future meetings. The proceeds are going to the family.

For more information Contact Ron Schlicht.

Fall S Fest 2023 Report

Fall S Fest was held November 3-5 at Georgios Quality Inn and Suites Conference Center in Orland Park Illinois. I will be writing a full report in an upcoming newsletter.

Local Area Meets

**Model Railroad Train Show Swap Meet
Kenosha Union Club
3030 39th Avenue Kenosha, WI
9:00 am To 1:00 pm
Admission \$5.00**

2023	November	12
	December	17
2024	January	14
	February	11
	March	10

For More Information Call:

**Lionel Swap Meets
New Berlin Entertainment Center
16000 West Cleveland Ave.
New Berlin, WI
8:00 am To 12:00 pm
Admission \$4.00**

2023	November	19
	December	17
2024	January	21
	February	25
	March	17

Check website: www.milw-lrrc.com
or call 262-754-9900

Great Midwest Train Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL
9 am to 3:00 pm
Admission \$8.00

2023	December	3
2024	January	7
	February	4
	March	3
	April	7
	May	5

Wisconsin Southeastern Division Midwest Region
(WISE) Meets)

New Berlin Entertainment Center **
16000 West Cleveland Ave.
New Berlin, WI
1:00 pm To 4:00 pm
Admission \$4.00

	November	19
2024	January	14
	February	25

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****NOTE:** Dates and location coincide with the
Lionel clubs swap meet.

Next BSG Meeting

Date: Sunday November 19th
Time: 1:30pm
Club Location:
Corner of South St. & Grand Ave.
Waukesha, WI 53186

****Reminder**

Although the meetings are scheduled for 1:30pm, we plan on hosting an open house on those meeting days from 10:00am to 4:00 pm. BSG meetings are scheduled on the same day as the Lionel Club swap meet dates. Their clubhouse is also usually open those days. The two clubhouses are about 11 minutes apart. Make it a day.

Future Meeting Dates:

2023	December	17
2024	January	21
	February	25
	March	17

BSG Inventory

Contact Ron Schlicht Phone (414) 477-7866 Email:
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2016 Sprecher Brewery Reefers \$55.00 Each
There is a very limited supply left of these cars left.



2021 Fall S Fest Hoppers (Hi-Rail Only) \$55.00 Each
Furnished with Coal Loads



Shipping \$11.00 on 1st car. \$4.00 ea. additional car.

The cars are also available at the BSG clubhouse.

For those of you who get THE DISPATCH magazine, after months of advertising our 2021 Fall S Fest cars, an old ad was put in for the Sprecher cars and the Soo Line gondolas, which have been sold out for over a year or so.

Special Notice

Due to some personal health issues, long time BSG member Gary Children, will be dismantling his extensive S gauge layout. Gary was a scale modeler and a past member of the Indian Head Model Railroad Club for many years. He has held various position in the WISE Division and very active in the NMRA.

He is extending an invitation to all who may be interested in purchasing any of the items on his layout. This will include trains, structures, electronics or anything that may interest you .

For more information, or a request as to when you can take advantage of this opportunity, please contact him.

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BSG encourages its members to share any new or existing product information they may find to be beneficial. Share your scenery, technical or operational experiences on your own home layouts for the BSG newsletters. Photos are encouraged.

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